

PREFACE

This publication is the Army's air traffic services capstone manual. It establishes air traffic services as an important function in the synchronization of combat power. It also serves as the doctrinal base for other ATS policies and procedures manuals. This manual provides the doctrinal requisites to support the Army's Concept Based Requirements System process.

This field manual describes ATS doctrine in relation to combined arms, joint, combined, and interagency operations. It discusses ATS doctrine in relation to the Army's basic warfighting doctrine and applies to all ATS tactical operations. This publication also describes the basic functions, principles, and potential of ATC throughout the range of military operations. Chapter 1 serves as the link to FM 100-5 and shows the broad doctrinal focus of Army ATS operations. Chapter 2 expands the doctrinal focus discussed in Chapter 1. Chapters 3 and 4 expand Chapter 2 into a more specific ATS doctrinal discussion. Chapter 5 addresses the combat service and combat service support roles in ATC operations. This manual adheres to the definition of doctrine in JCS Publication 1-02 and does not include tactics, techniques, and procedures.

Theater, corps, division, and brigade commanders and their staffs will use this manual to understand the ATS contribution so they can plan, coordinate, and execute combat operations across the battlefield. This field manual also is used as the basis for training air traffic services personnel and units.

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